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First row: Senator Paul Pinsky, Rosalind Johnson, Marie Gueye, Eusebio Maningding, Eric Thorton, Jr., Oluwatope Littlejohn Aderotoye, Rhamire Corbett, Kayla Brooks, Eryca King and Damien Jackson. Back row: David Whiteman, Lauretta Baugh, Subodh Arora, Ingrid Turner, William Dunham, Jenny Lindvall, Councilmember Edward Putens, Mayor Judith Davis, Floriane Beyegue, Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Leta Mach, Jon Gardner, Paak-Hei Ng, Delegate Justin Ross, Veronica Martin-Rederick, Theresa Bugg. Pictured but not visible is Delegate Tawanna Gaines and Councilmember Konrad Herling. Not pictured are students Marcos Bonilla-Flores, Gabriela Gonzalez and Cynthia Uchendu.

ACE Presents Annual Awards To Outstanding Local Students

by Megan Gustafson

Elected officials from the State Senate, the House of Delegates, the Prince George's County Council and the School Board were in attendance Monday night as some of Greenbelt's best and brightest students received awards from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) during the Greenbelt City Council meeting.

The room was brimming with the students' families, friends and supporters and Jon Gardner, ACE Chair, said he was "gratified to see a full house" as he began his remarks.

The ACE awards are "testament to the council's continued and energetic support for the education of Greenbelt's children,"

Gardner said, who noted that the awards are in their fifteenth year.

The elementary and middle school students who won the awards each received a \$20 gift certificate to Books-a-Million at Beltway Plaza, while the winners who are about to graduate from high school received \$1,000 scholarships intended to help defray expenses as they move onto college, Gardner said. In addition, each winner received an ACE T-shirt and an invitation to march in the Labor Day Festival Parade.

The students were then introduced using descriptive material provided by each school.

Damien Jackson and Eryca

King, both sixth graders, were the ACE award winners from Greenbelt Elementary School. Jackson is involved in the WGES morning news team at Greenbelt Elementary, is on the honor roll and has a 3.8 GPA, Gardner said as he introduced him.

King was described as "both kind and capable" and was said to enjoy "learning new information and ideas." Gardner said she was an active reader and makes the honor roll every quarter.

Marcos Bonilla-Flores and Gabriela Gonzalez won the awards for Springhill Lake Elementary School. Bonilla-Flores has a

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Parks and Recreation Programs Feel Impact of Poor Economy

by Thomas X. White

Council held its eighth Fiscal Year 2010 budget worksession on May 6 in the multi-purpose room of the Community Center, covering Recreation and Parks. The budget presentation was made by Director of Recreation Hank Irving; Julie McHale, assistant director for programs; and Joe McNeil, assistant director for operations. They were joined by program directors for Arts, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Community Center, Greenbelt Kids, the Recreation Centers and Therapeutic Recreation.

In addition to the entire council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran and City Treasurer Jeff Williams were in at-

tendance. Also present were community representatives from Emperian Village (Greenbelt West) interested in recreation and other city programs in that area of the city.

Because of the large number of programs and activities conducted by the department, the budget worksession started at 7:30 p.m., half an hour earlier than usual; and even then, it lasted until just after 10:30 p.m.

The proposed budget for FY10 for the department totals \$5,187,400, an increase of \$210,000 over the adopted Fiscal Year 2009 budget but just \$58,400 over the estimated FY09 year-end experience, projected to total \$5,129,000. Staffing will

remain generally the same as for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 at 59.8 full time equivalents.

Of the total budget, \$1,086,000 is designated for parks, a responsibility performed by the Public Works Department, with \$822,600 of that budgeted for Public Works labor. On the recreation side, labor costs total \$2.9 million out of a total recreation budget of \$4,101,300.

In his opening remarks Irving noted the considerable contribution to the department's activities each year by citizen volunteers. He ventured an estimate of the value of that contribution at approximately \$2,000,000.

See BUDGET, page 8

Council to Meet May 26 On Its Election Proposals

by Bay Woods

The Greenbelt City Council held a final public hearing regarding possible changes to the system of municipal elections. Following closely on meetings in Old Greenbelt and Greenbelt West last week, this meeting was held at Windsor Green, in the eastern part of the city.

Council has held the hearings for input on the possibility of moving municipal elections to even years to correspond with national and state elections, as well as considering adding two additional members to council. At the close of the meeting, Mayor Judith Davis announced council's next steps.

On May 26 council will meet to express their individual opinions on the issue. If needed, the city would begin the Charter Amendment process on June 8.

The city has been debating this issue since February 2008, when the NAACP and ACLU

wrote the city arguing that the city council violated the 1965 Voting Rights Act. The Greenbelt City Council has always been made up of whites, though according to the 2000 census Caucasians made up 39.3 percent of the population while African Americans represent 41.3 percent, Asians 12.1 percent and Latinos 6.4 percent.

The 15 or so people attending this meeting in Greenbelt East presented a wide variety of opinions regarding municipal election reform. Joan Falcão said, "After a year of soul-searching and hearings, I have yet to see any evidence of violation of the Voting Rights Act." Falcão said she hoped the process would "prime the pump of minority participation" but stressed that the problem has always been "a lack of candidates, not voters."

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Volunteer Groups Reduce Requests for City Funds

by Karl B. Hille

In these tough economic times, organizations receiving funds from the city have requested smaller increases in contributions from the City of Greenbelt for the next fiscal year.

"It's such a small amount, council usually finds the money to fund it," said Assistant City Manager David Moran.

Contributions being considered by council to such groups totaled \$89,100, less than a \$3,000 increase among 10 groups over the \$86,856 approved last year. By contrast, that total had increased by \$14,000 above that approved in 2007.

The city received 10 applications for direct funding and 29 applications for recognition status – often with requests for in-kind contributions such as free meeting space or help from the Public Works Department.

Golden Age Club President Catherine Brannan said the \$6,100 in donated travel costs can keep Greenbelters young – in response

to a direct question from Councilmember Konrad Herling during the April budget worksession. "We are there to keep you young. We are an organization of active seniors. Those who can't get out so much, because of a disability or whatever, we're there for them too," Brannan said.

Greenbelt Concert Band asked for \$4,600 to support their concert schedule and told council they were limited in their ability to make money. They can't charge admission or sell CDs for profit because of royalty laws, said Director David H. Clarke. "We mostly give away CDs as souvenirs to our members."

Friends of the New Deal Café Arts asked for \$2,000 of the organization's \$18,000 annual budget – same as they had requested in 2008. Councilmembers asked the Friends' leadership to do more outreach to Greenbelt East and West. "This is something

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What Goes On

Monday, May 18

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Final Budget Review, Municipal Building (Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbelt.gov)

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center
8 p.m., City Council Worksession with Youth Advisory Committee, Community Center

Thursday, May 21

7:30 p.m., GHI Annual Meeting and Elections, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

No to Changing City Election Year Voting

Congratulations to the News Review for taking a stand against moving Greenbelt’s election year to coincide with state and federal elections in its editorial of May 7. The editorial provides many reasons why such a change would do more harm than good, including possibly making it more difficult for minority candidates to win – which is supposed to be the whole point.

Moving city elections into competition with the elections of bigger jurisdictions is only going to hurt Greenbelt and its citizens. Council should not feel pressured to do this in order to appease outside groups who irresponsibly accused Greenbelt of nonexistent election law violations. These groups failed to do basic homework on this issue (e.g., failed to notice that Greenbelt voters cannot elect minority candidates when none have been on the ballot). The irresponsible nature of the accusations is further highlighted by the failure of any of these groups even to attend the latest of the recent hearings, held in Springhill Lake/Empirian Village (the ostensible locale of their concern) after Greenbelt has been forced to spend over \$100,000 to deal with their attacks.

It is already very easy to vote in city elections – you can vote absentee if you prefer not to vote in person for any reason. Greenbelt does an excellent job of publicizing elections, and candidates already reach out to all areas of Greenbelt including SHL/Empirian Village. As a past candidate, I can confirm that residents who want to run for office receive generous assistance from city staff in satisfying the requirements for candidacy. Lack of participation in elections is an endemic social problem, certainly not confined to Greenbelt and although I agree that we can and should try to improve the situation, this city does not deserve to be scapegoated for it.

I look forward to the opportunity to vote for a resident of Empirian Village in upcoming elections. But, as the News Review says, changing the election year will neither provide more new candidates nor help them get elected. And it’s never a good idea to let oneself be bullied into taking an action that is not in one’s best interest.

Ruth Kastner



Hurrah for Hoyer!

Thanks to Representative Steny Hoyer and the Climate Crisis Group. Monday evening, May 11 Greenbelters, University of Maryland students, state legislators, a packed full house of Prince George’s constituents gave rousing ovations for Hoyer at his town meeting on Clean Green Renewable Energy and for his strong stand with Obama’s plans for change.

It was a wonderful group. Thank you to Hoyer on his continuing efforts to strengthen the Waxman/Markey bill so our country can meet the challenges of:

1. Global Warming
2. Peak oil (oil, coal and uranium are running out which will put their cost on an exponential trajectory before they run out)
3. The economy – through creation of green investments and green jobs
4. National security – less dependence on foreign oil, decreasing dangerous nuclear targets.

There was a huge ovation for Hoyer’s major contribution of formulating ways to save the planet’s rainforests and his dedication to focus on strengthening the standards for meeting global warming and spending tax dollars on funding for renewable energies.

Ray and Barbara Stevens

Patuxent to Modernize With Stimulus Funds

The Department of Interior has announced it will use \$6.91 million in stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for seven modernization projects at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel. A total of \$7.964 million has been awarded for conservation projects in Maryland, \$6 million of which will be used to rehabilitate infrastructure associated with Patuxent’s Facilities Modernization Plan. Projects include planning and design; demolition of Stickell Hall; construction of one residence, a modular replacement building; and replacement of six gates at the perimeter fence and four other gates.

All the projects represent priority needs identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service capital planning process or existing plans. The final list, Interior said, was for projects that met the agency’s highest priority mission needs, generated the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and created lasting value for the public.

NASA Kids’ Program Sunday on Hubble

NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt is holding a special program for elementary school students and their families this Sunday, May 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. with an afternoon of hands-on activities at the Visitor Center exploring the Hubble Space Telescope (HST), which has revolutionized astronomy.

Because the HST has provided eye-opening clear images of the solar system, stars and galaxies, students will create their own images of what they think the next pictures from Hubble will look like in Hubble Through the Eyes of a Student. During Hubble Docking, they will work with a partner to try to dock a small paper shuttle in a cup that represents the telescope. They will also participate in Hubble Perfection, an activity that simulates how astronauts train for missions in space suits and gloves.

At the same time the families are busy with their Hubble activities at the Visitor Center, astronauts aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis will be finishing the fourth of five planned space walks as part of the final servicing mission to the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope. Coverage of the STS-125 mission will be shown on television monitors at the visitor center.

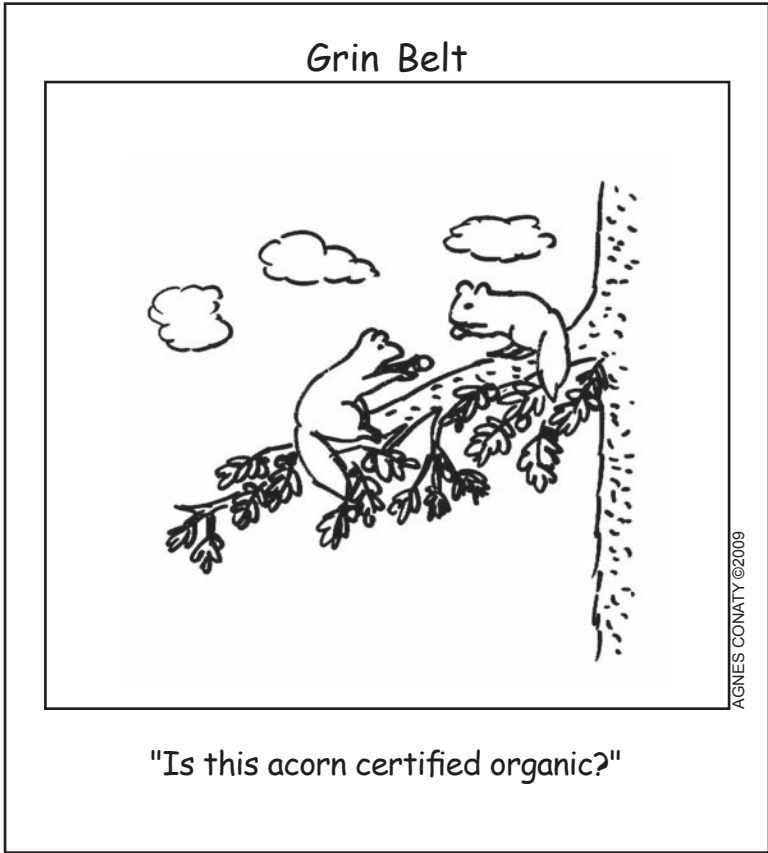
Known as the Sunday Experiment, the program is held the third Sunday of the month from September through May featuring activities that demonstrate NASA’s science, engineering research and technological developments. It celebrates all things science, technology, engineering and mathematical and the major science missions managed by Goddard and set to launch in 2009 and 2010.

Emilie Drobnies, founder of the Sunday Experiment program says participating kids get to “act like scientists and engineers while building all types of little rockets and hover-crafts, designing their own planets and stars and trying their hand at being part of the manned space program . . . and we aren’t afraid to get our hands dirty in the process!”

For more information visit <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/visitor/events/index.html>.

Restoration Shop Open House

On Saturday, May 23 from noon to 4 p.m. at the College Park Airport Museum, the restoration facility will show the process of creating and restoring museum-quality exhibits and aircraft. Staff will be on hand to answer questions.



Botanic Garden Has Lunch Time Tour

From noon to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in May the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) offers a free, guided lunchtime tour of the Conservatory led by USBG volunteers. What do manila folders, Channel No. 5, vanilla and fossil fuels have in common? The answer: they all come from plants on permanent display in the USBG Conservatory. Visitors might see bananas and coffee ripening on the tree, watch the Venus flytrap catch a meal or learn about the next big breakthrough in medicinal plant research. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch to eat on a bench in the Garden Court. No pre-registration is required.

Advocates Sought For Foster Youth

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Prince George’s County is seeking volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children in the county. CASA gives training and supervision to volunteers who spend about 10 hours a month getting to know the children and collaborating with teachers, social workers and attorneys to address the child’s needs and identify a safe permanent home.

CASA/Prince George’s County is accepting applications for day and evening training sessions. For more information visit the CASA website at www.pgcasa.org or call 301-209-0491.

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• Professional Photo Session, •

• Rehearsals on Thursday Nights •

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• Call Natasha Jewell at (301) 352-8665 to register or for more information. •

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• OLD GREENBELT THEATRE •

• WEEK OF May 15 •

• Is Anybody There (PG-13) •

• Friday •

• *5:30, 7:30, 9:30 •

• Saturday •

• *3:30, *5:30, 7:30, 9:30 •

• Sunday •

• *3:30, *5:30, 7:30 •

• Monday-Thursday •

• *5:30, 7:30 •

• *These shows at \$6.00 •

• 301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745 •

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 18 through May 22 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup, barbecued pork on a bun, baked beans, cole slaw, stewed apples

Tuesday – Grape juice, meat lasagna, sliced carrots, corn, orange sherbet

Wednesday – Apple juice, meatballs with curry gravy, egg noodles, peas and carrots, orange sections

Thursday – Creamy broccoli soup, turkey cutlet with gravy, cornbread stuffing, California blend vegetables, banana pudding

Friday – Cranberry juice, tuna salad, macaroni salad, four-bean salad, fresh strawberries

GHI Notes

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, May 15, Offices Closed (emergency maintenance provided)

Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., GHI Annual Community Yard Sale – GHI office grounds on Hamilton Place

Monday, May 18, 6:45 p.m., Communication Committee – GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, May 20, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – GHI Lobby

Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Annual Membership Meeting – Community Center

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Croatti to Explore U.S. Foreign Policy

The guest speaker at Explorations Unlimited on Friday, May 22 will be Mark Croatti, who teaches classes on the Middle East and Latin America at a number of local colleges and universities and has been teaching for the SAGE program through Prince George’s Community College since 1995.

Croatti will address President Obama’s foreign policy, including the difficult decisions to be made on Iran, Cuba, Venezuela and Israel.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

For more Community Events see pages 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 16.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 20, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, May 21, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Book Discussion

An adult book discussion will be held Wednesday May 20 at 7 p.m. to discuss Tim O’Brien’s “The Things They Carried.” Also a selection of titles for 2009-2010 will take place.

Spring Gardening

“Plants for Shady Spots” will be discussed on Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. Master gardeners will identify and diagnose plant and gardening problems and take questions. Bring samples from problem gardens plants and have them evaluated. (Make sure samples are fresh and at least three or four inches with foliage.) Horticultural literature will be available.

Ask the Experts Cable Show

The topic for the May Ask the Experts Cable Show will be Bone and Joint Health, presented by Adventist Healthcare. All are welcome to attend the May 19 taping at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road at 11 a.m. Those wishing to attend who are not residents of Green Ridge House are asked to RSVP to Sharon Vanzego, Service Coordinator at 301-412-2480.

Caregiver Support Group Meets May 26

Those caring for a family member, spouse, parent or friend with dementia may find it beneficial to talk about situations and get advice and information on resources. Geriatric Care Manager Rosemary Allendar, LCSW-C, will meet with the Greenbelt Caregiver Support Group on Tuesday, May 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 103 of the Greenbelt Community Center. All are welcome.

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Greenbriar Community Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 16, 2009

9 AM – 2 PM

20 Vendors – Rain or Shine

Refreshments will be sold!

For more information please contact:

Tiesha Eley (301) 441-1096 #2

Teley.greenbriar@verizon.net

Museum Shows New DVD of “The City”

On Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will hold a free screening of the 1939 documentary, “The City,” partly filmed in Greenbelt. To be shown is a just re-released DVD version of the film by Naxos that features the Post-Classical Ensemble’s (P-CE) new recording of Aaron Copland’s bracing original sound track musical score (performed live at the Clarice Smith Center in fall 2007).

The evening will begin with a screening of the 43-minute film, to be followed by commentary from P-CE’s Angel Gil Ordoñez and Joseph Horowitz as well as discussion about growing up in Greenbelt by Greenbelt pioneer children including Bob Sommers, a long-time museum volunteer and pioneer child who actually appears in the film several times.

The free lecture at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road is paid for by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Dorothy White Lecture Fund. For more information call 301-507-6582, visit www.greenbeltmuseum.org or email museum@greenbeltmd.gov.

GES Registration Open For K, Pre-K Students

Early bird registration for 2009 - 2010 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten is currently being held at Greenbelt Elementary School. Registration packets can be picked up from the school during business hours. An orientation session for new students and their parents will be held at the school on Thursday, August 20 at 1 p.m. Registrations will not be accepted during orientation. Parents are urged to register their children early.

For first through sixth graders new to Greenbelt Elementary School, registration will start June 22. Existing students do not need to re-register. For more information call 301-513-5911.

Astronomical Society Holds “StarryTelling”

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt is on Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. It will feature a presentation by Elizabeth Forbes Wallace in a program for all ages titled “StarryTelling: Discover the Galileo in You!” at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

Learn how storytelling helps astronomy outreach organizations attract a wider audience. Discover how effective oral narrative can be. Personal anecdotes, ancient skylore and scientific discovery stories will help family audiences rediscover their place in the universe.

Trained storyteller Wallace is the producer at Giraffe ‘n’ Ant Productions LLC, a company which sparks curiosity about foreign cultures, sky lore and scientific achievements via stories that reach back several millennia.

Open Microphone For Kids Sunday

There will be a Kids’ Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, May 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Children 17 and under are invited to perform for up to five minutes, playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting a poem, etc. For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrndnr@yahoo.com.

Café Closed

At press time the News Review learned that patrons of the New Deal Café found the doors locked Wednesday. According to several sources, the Café was temporarily closed due to a contract dispute.

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS



Spring Gutter Cleaning (All Buildings)

Uncle Skeeter’s Roofs & Gutters is scheduled to clean and inspect your gutters starting May, 18, 2009 weather permitting.

At that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

Please contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext.141 if you have any questions or comments.

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Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

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Week of May 15

FRI. - SAT.

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11:15, 1:20, 3:25, 5:25

Fighting, PG-13

7:25, 9:45

Next Day Air, R (!!)

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Star Trek, PG-13 (!!)

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X-Men Origins: Wolverine,

PG-13 (!)

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Angels and Demons, PG-13 (!)

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The Soloist, PG-13 (!!)

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MON. - WED.

(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays)

Earth, G

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Fighting, PG-13

4:30, 7

Next Day Air, R

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Star Trek, PG-13

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Angels and Demons, PG-13 (!)

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The Soloist, PG-13

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Obsessed, PG-13

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THUR.

Terminator Salvation, PG-13

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Obituaries

Eileen C. Turner

Former Greenbelt resident Eileen C. (MacIntosh) Turner, 84, died on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, in Berlin, Md. She was buried at Arlington National Cemetery alongside her husband of 61 years Cyril S. Turner, Jr., on May 7. She had been in assisted care since 2000 as she progressed through the various stages of Alzheimer's Disease.

She was the oldest daughter and one of four children of the late Harold (a chemist) and Mary MacIntosh (a registered nurse). She was born and reared in Montclair, N.J., and moved to Greenbelt after receiving her bachelor's degree in history from Montclair State Teacher's College. After graduation, she was recruited by Prince George's County Public Schools to teach at Greenbelt High School. Later in her career, she taught at Northwestern High School until her retirement in the early 1980s.

She was introduced to Cyril S. Turner Jr. by one of her students in 1945; they were married in 1947. Mr. Turner was a Navy veteran, returning from duty on Saipan in the South Pacific during World War II.

Mrs. Turner's career in teaching was interrupted in the 1950s during which time she gave birth to six children. One daughter died at birth in 1951 and is buried along with Mr. and Mrs. Turner in Arlington National Cemetery.

They lived at several locations in Greenbelt before building a home at 47 Lakeside Drive in 1956. In addition to their home in Greenbelt, the Turners had been property owners in Ocean Pines, Md. since 1967. This became their permanent home in the 1980s after retirement.

Mrs. Turner held a master's degree in education from Bowie State College which she received in 1970. During her tenure at Northwestern High School she taught U.S. history, journalism and coached the debate team. She was a natural when it came to debating as anyone who thought to win an argument with her can attest. Under her direction journalism students won several awards at Columbia University in the late 1970s for their efforts with their school newspaper.

Mrs. Turner had a rich and full life after retirement during which she traveled to many foreign countries with her husband. She was greatly loved and respected by her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by all five of her adult children: Mary Beth Coleman of Potomac; Suzanne C. Haley of Severna Park; Mark G. Turner of Columbus, Ohio; Brian M. Turner of Upper Marlboro; and Gregory N. Turner of Ocean Pines. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Ann Andrews of Gaithersburg, Md.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

No Sunday Mass on May 17.

Astronomical Star Party this Saturday

On Saturday, May 16 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at the Greenbelt City Observatory, located at Northway Field. Society members will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at about 8:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice.

Visit www.greenbelters.org/events/shtml.

Choral Society Offers Haydn Concert

The Prince George's Choral Society will perform Haydn's Harmonie-Messe or "Wind Band Mass" on Sunday, May 17 at 8 p.m. at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road. There is an admission fee.

Library Talk, Vegan Meal Next Saturday

On Saturday, May 23 from 2 to 4 p.m., there will be a presentation by Dr. Will Tuttle accompanied by a free vegetarian meal at the Greenbelt library.

Sponsored by Compassion Over Killing and GreenVegan-Networking, the presentation will be made by Tuttle, author of the "World Peace Diet." The World Peace Diet explores how individual and collective food choices are leading to environmental degradation, human health problems and cruelty to fellow creatures. The book will further empower participants to reconnect with what they are eating and to bring a positive transformation. Tuttle is an award-winning speaker, educator, author and musician.

The event is free and open to all.

Watch Group Hosts Birdwalk Sunday

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group will host a bird walk at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center on Sunday, May 17 from 7 to 10 a.m. The group will meet at the bridge over Beaverdam Creek on Research Road to explore that area and around Biocontrol Road at the height of songbird migration.

All abilities welcome; binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent and protective clothing are recommended. Parking may be limited or restricted to the National Visitor's Center parking lot.

For more information email Michel Cavigelli at michel.cavigelli@yahoo.com or call 301-614-0691 or 240-304-9480.

Memorial Services James Williamson

The memorial service for James M. Williamson will be held on Saturday, May 30 at noon at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church. The church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi.

Burial at the Greenbelt Cemetery will occur at 4:30 p.m. followed by the planting of a memorial tree at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center lawn.

Pearl Siegel

A memorial service will be held for Pearl Siegel on Saturday, May 23. The service will be from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room.



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church


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May 17, 10 a.m.
"A Saving Faith"

(Bring a Friend Sunday) by Revs. Phyllis Hubbell and John Manwell with Tosha O'Neal, worship associate and the PBUU Choir
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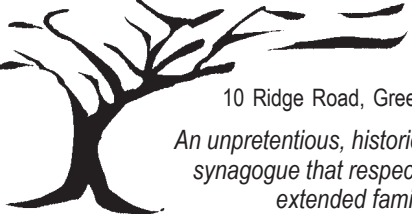
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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
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Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
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Reel & Meal Film A Sense of Wonder

“A Sense of Wonder,” a documentary film about Rachel Carson, will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, May 18 beginning at 7 p.m. The Reel and Meal at the New Deal event, which includes a discussion afterward, is a free monthly film series sponsored by a consortium of nine Greenbelt community organizations that explores environmental and social justice issues. At 6:30 p.m. an optional vegan buffet meal will be offered for sale at the Café.

When pioneering environmentalist Rachel Carson published “Silent Spring” in 1962, the backlash from her critics thrust her into the center of a political maelstrom. Despite her love of privacy, Carson’s convictions and her foresight regarding the risks posed by chemical pesticides forced her into a very public and controversial role.

Drawing on Carson’s own words, actress Kaiulani Lee embodies this extraordinary woman in the film based on her one-woman play, which she wrote, starred in and for 15 years has taken around the world. Carson, who in the film is depicted in the final year of her life and struggling with cancer, recounts with both humor and anger the attacks by the chemical industry, the government and the press as she focuses her limited energy to get her message to Congress and the American people.

Guest speaker Jay Feldman will lead a discussion after the film. He is the co-founder and executive director of Beyond Pesticides, a nonprofit organization that works to protect public health and the environment and lead the transition to a world free of toxic pesticides.

For more information email sr.kane@verizon.net.

Upcoming American Legion Meetings

Greenbelt’s American Legion Post No. 136 holds its general membership meetings the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Meetings provide a forum for committee reports, planning, funding and discussions on the operations and programs of the Post and are the membership’s opportunities for input and direction.

Sons of Legion

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136 membership meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m., with nominations and elections of Squadron officers.

Post Elections

Nomination and elections of Post officers for the 2009-2010 administrative year will be held at the May 21 meeting at 7 p.m. Post positions to be elected include commander, first vice commander, second vice commander, finance officer, judge advocate, chaplain, historian, sergeant-at-arms and three executive committee persons.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 136 meeting will also be held Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. A free meal for members before the meeting starts at 6:15 p.m.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of long time former resident Eileen C. (MacIntosh) Turner.

Congratulations to:

– Army Spec. Lakisha L. Huertas, daughter of Mary Williams of Hanover Parkway, who has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

– Army Spec. Taneisha N. Rollins, a 2003 ERHS and 2008 Bowie State University graduate, who has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

– The students of Greenbelt Elementary School, who were recognized today at a state program for the 2,072 lbs. of food they collected for the Maryland Food Bank Harvest for the Hungry in the Kids Helping Kids Campaign. In its 19th year, the program this year raised 413,129 lbs. and \$56,557 statewide.

News Review staffer Ginny Jones, a volunteer at the American Indian Museum on the Mall, who was featured in a special supplement to the Smithsonian Institution’s “Torch” newsletter honoring volunteers. The article outlined Ginny’s successful effort to answer a visitor’s request to see a small totem pole donated to the Smithsonian by her great-

grandmother in 1917. Using her wits and knowledge to navigate through computer catalogs of several different collections, Ginny located the piece in storage and helped make arrangements for the woman to view it. Ginny, a former mathematics and computer science professor at Central Connecticut State University, is quoted in the article as saying:

“If something is in the computer, you can find it eventually.”

It was nice to see former Lakeside resident Mimi Laster and her children Lisa, Johnny, Jenny and Sally, with some grandchildren, who were in town last weekend, visiting old Greenbelt friends and places.

– Kathleen McFarland



Holy Cross Thrift Store

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Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Center Way in Old Greenbelt.

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team’s Summer 2009 Season is from May 26 to July 25

Walk-in registration will be held May 19 and 20, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Fees are discounted for registrations received by May 26!

Before school ends, swimmers practice Monday – Thursday afternoons.
From June 19, swimmers practice in the early morning Monday-Friday.

Information and applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam or at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center.

**Registration Questions? Call Diane Irving, 301-390-8009
or send an email to greenbeltswimteam@yahoo.com**



City Information

MEETINGS FOR MAY 18-22

Monday, May 18 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Final Budget Review** at Municipal Building Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30pm, at the Greenbelt Community Center, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**. On the Agenda: Discussion of the Development of a City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan-Preparation for Public Outreach meeting.

Wednesday, May 20 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with the Youth Advisory Committee** at the Greenbelt Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:
Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board,

For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

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GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER Pets of the Month



Max: Super friendly 10 year old male tabby.

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For more information on any of these pets, call the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 301.474.6124.

City of Greenbelt

SURPLUS PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 16
10:00am-1:00pm
Municipal Building Parking Lot
25 Crescent Road



3rd Annual Greenbelt Spring Dance Recital

SAFARI SUITES

Directed by: Samantha Fitschen

Saturday, May 16
7:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

General admission is free for age 5 and younger, all other tickets: \$5
On sale now at Community Center, 301-397-2208 Tickets may also be purchased at the door.



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Candidates for GHI Election May 21-22, 2009

The following GHI members had formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected and supplied the following biographical sketches for publication in the News Review by the Nominations and Elections Committee’s deadline of May 5. There is a possibility that additional candidates will have qualified for the ballot by the final May 9 deadline for petitions (after press time) but no additional candidates can be placed on the ballot after that time.

Board of Directors – (5) 2-Yr. Terms

(Vote for five)

Audit Committee

1 Yr. Term

(Vote for three)

Voting will take place upon recess of the Annual Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 21 at the Community Center, and will continue on Friday, May 22 from 7 to 10 am. and 5 to 8 p.m. at GHI’s offices on Hamilton Place.

Suzette Agans

2 Court Hillside Road

Suzette Agans, a five-year resident of GHI, was elected in 2007 and has since served GHI as Treasurer. She is a member of the Green Ribbon Task Force and was a co-chair of the Woodlands Committee and a member of the Sustainable Design and Practices Committee. As an USDA employee for Rural Development, Cooperative Programs, Suzette promotes sustainable community development in highly distressed communities in the rural northern part of the U.S. Suzette’s work experiences have proven useful while serving on the board.

Suzette’s hobbies include a passion for native plants gardening and less turf grass. Her experience includes serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Russia (2001-2003), and she is originally from upstate NY. She moved to the metro DC area in 1996 to pursue a career in social and economic development, and earned an MA at American University.

Tokey Boswell

4 Court Laurel Hill Road

My wife, Eileen, and I moved to GHI this year from the District, where I work for the federal government. I provide financial oversight and quality control for long-range planning at National Parks. Previously I developed requirements and guidance for grant programs at the Federal Transit Administration.

My graduate degree is in urban planning and I have worked as a city planner in a small urban setting. I have served as an officer on the Board of Directors of a statewide renewable energy association. I am a carpenter and returned Peace Corps volunteer.

These experiences allow me to understand many of the challenges that GHI faces regarding historic building renovation, transportation, and energy concerns. Clarifying complex issues and facilitating reasonable solutions are skills I would bring to the Board.

I am ready to do my part to help our community envision a bright future and work to achieve it.

Chuck Hess

8 Court Research Road

Chuck Hess has lived in GHI for over 25 years. He is a CPA with a master’s in Taxation. His firm specializes in Income Tax Preparation. He has been active in GHI from when he first moved in having served on several committees, including among others the Finance, Investment, By-laws and A&E. He also served on the Audit Committee. He has been the chair of the Finance Committee and was the first Chair of the Investment Committee.

For eighteen years, before he went to Africa to serve as Business Manager of a Mission Hospital, he served on the Board of Directors, six of them as Treasurer.

He is proud of GHI as one of the best Co-ops in the world. He believes that his experience and knowledge will benefit GHI in maintaining its high standards for providing a well run, efficient, and sustainable home for its members.

Edward R. Hickey

54 Court Ridge Road

I have lived in GHI for over twelve years and have served on the Board of Directors for the last two years. I am the Chair of the Architecture Review Committee and the Vice-Chair of the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee. I have also been active in the Warm Nights program for the homeless and as a youth advisor.

In 1998, I retired from the Montgomery County Police Department where I was the Deputy Commander of the Germantown Station. After retirement, I was awarded a master’s degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland. Since then, I have been teaching at Prince George’s Community College.

Because of my extensive experience in public service, management, organization and conflict resolution, I believe I can continue to be an asset to the GHI Board of Directors.

Sylvia J. Lewis

2 Court Gardenway

In 1968 my husband, Robert, and I moved into GHI with our young son and daughter. I became active in the cooperative after my retirement 14 years ago from the position of Executive Director, Prince George’s County Red Cross. My GHI activities have included: Member and Community Relations Committee, (1997-2006); Audit Committee (1998-2000); Chair, Audit Committee (1999-2000); Investment Committee (2000-present); Board of Directors (2000-present); Treasurer (2000-2006); President

(2006 to present). I am Board liaison to the Marketing Committee and Acting Chair of the Communications Committee.

I seek reelection to the Board so that I may continue to make constructive contributions to ensure that GHI is fiscally responsible, responsive to member concerns, plans for a sustainable future and remains a wonderful place to call home.

Born: London, England; Education: London School of Economics and Indiana University School of Social Work; Granted US citizenship in 1969.

Patricia Novinski

8 Court Laurel Hill Road

Having served on the GHI Board this past twelve months, Patricia is seeking election to a two-year term.

Involvement in GHI following retirement from social work has refocused Patricia’s professional skills. Moving to GHI in 2001, Patricia has found participation rewarding and challenging – She reports “it has me going, growing and greening.”

Membership on the Yard Line and ARC Committees along with monthly Board meetings and auxiliary sessions provides Patricia opportunities to interact with members, acquire knowledge of the cooperative and to encounter challenging viewpoints. Patricia’s clinical experience provides perspective and skills useful in the process of discussion and decision making required in the three venues.

Patricia remains supportive of the focus of the current GHI Board as she understands it: budgetary limitations, member input, environmental impact, diversity and sustainability.

Patricia looks forward to further opportunities to contribute to the GHI community with election to the 2009 Board.

Henry Haslinger

4 Court Ridge Road

I am a lifelong resident of what is now GHI, dating back to when Greenbelt was still owned by the federal government, and “Tugwelltown” was Greenbelt’s nickname. I have been a GHI member since 1974. Currently I serve as a member of GHI’s Ad hoc Green Ribbon Task Force, and as a member of the City of Greenbelt’s Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

I attended St. Hugh’s and DeMatha for my elementary and secondary education respectively, and graduated from the University of Maryland, majoring in Business Administration.

After college, I was employed by GHI for four years, serving on the staff of the General Manager. Most of my responsibilities pertained to trying to resolve issues that arose between or among GHI members. Since 1977, I have been involved in the acquisition, disposal and management of real estate on behalf of the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation.

Dorothy Lauber

9 Court Ridge Road

Background and Qualifications –

- Secretary to Bank President – 4 years
- Secretary to Farmers Cooperative – 2 years
- Legal Secretary – 10 years
- Secretary to City Manager and then City Clerk – 20 years
- Member of GHI Board – 12 years
- Member of Audit Committee – 1 year

The 44 years we have spent in Greenbelt have been full, interesting and rewarding. Like Greenbelt’s first citizens, and like my parents in the Depres-

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GHI Community



This Saturday

May 16

Greenbelt Homes, Inc.
Administration Building Parking Compound.
HAMILTON PLACE

Many tables will be filled with items to entice all age groups and genders: Games – toys – baby clothes – shoes – household items – books – automotive stuff videos/cds – framed pictures – ceramics and glassware – plus oodles more. Come and browse – someone may have that special treasure you are seeking.

Sponsored by the GHI Member and Community Relations Committee.

Tokey Boswell for the Board of Directors

My wife and I moved onto Laurel Hill earlier this year from the District. We chose GHI because we want to be in a place where people actively construct the community they want for themselves.

In that spirit, I'm running for a seat on the Board. I have the background and skills to be a valuable member (my bio should appear elsewhere in the paper this week). Perhaps more importantly, I have the time and energy that will be required to do the job well.

It's an exciting time for the future of GHI, with plenty of decisions to make. I'm ready and honored to be part of that community decision-making process.

Give me your vote, and I will give you my best.

Boswell for the Board of Directors

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FY10 Issues

Irving told council that the department’s FY10 budget was holding the line with only a small increase over FY09. He registered concern that the department could be impacted by the current economic downturn which could affect delivery of recreational and cultural services Greenbelt residents have become accustomed to.

He specifically noted potential decreases in state and county funding that support parks and recreation programs, a decline in business or individual sponsorships that support programs and events each year and the pressure on Greenbelt residents to be able to afford the popular self-supporting programs.

Irving also advised council of increasing competition for available meeting room space and storage needs. Council was provided with a listing of nearly 150 city recognition groups, boards and advisory committees and other organizations with claims for available meeting space on a no-fee basis.

The budget document notes that while this is a positive sign of community-based citizen participation, it puts a burden on the amount of time and space available to regularly schedule all users for meetings, activities and class offerings.

One staff suggestion was to informally request that some city recognition groups with organizational budgets make a small contribution for use of the public space. Meeting space and storage capacity are particularly acute at the Community Center.

The Recreation Department is also responsible for the Health & Wellness program for city employees. This program continues to expand and staff are looking for supporting grants, sponsorships or other funding, recognizing that such programs result in fewer sick days, lower overall health costs and better staff morale.

The last issue is an effort to develop a comprehensive Recreation Strategic Plan this year to help guide the department’s formulation of the Fiscal Year 2011 budget next year, similar to plans in prior years by Planning and Community Development and Greenbelt CARES.

Budget Review

Members of council reviewed the 13-page list of accomplishments describing new and ongoing programs conducted last year. Another four pages list all program offerings for the year and a composite calendar for the varied special event programs throughout the year.

Except for January and November, every month is full of department-organized community events celebrating arts, music, theater, the seasons, major holidays and specialized camps for Greenbelt youths (of all ages), pets and seniors.

Councilmembers noted the Daddy/Daughter Dance event in June and asked if any Mom and Son events were planned. Staff indicated they are working on a Mom/Son camp out at the pool but have not yet worked out details.

Another question related to birthday parties that can be scheduled at the Aquatic and Fitness Center. Stephen Parks, the Aquatic & Fitness Center super-

visor, noted that the party room is nearly always fully booked.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked about potential plans for recreation fields at a new Greenbelt Middle School. McLaughlin advised that the Prince George’s County School Board staff have been looking at plans for the proposed facility to address city concerns and those raised by middle school staff regarding planned fields and whether they are sufficient to handle organized sports activities of the new school.

Communications

During discussion of the Recreation Department’s administration budget for public notices, an issue arose concerning a potential conflict with the department’s plans to move to greater use of electronic communication with Greenbelt residents rather than postal mail service. The discussion brought into sharp focus the conflict between the department’s desire to go “green” by relying on distribution of an e-brochure for recreation programs and council’s focus on improving city communication with all residents, especially those in Greenbelt West.

Recreation staff members were proud they had considered email over snail mail for brochure distribution and, at the same time, had met council directives to reduce their budgets. In this case the department was saving the city \$23,000 in postage costs but if council thought otherwise, the budget for public notices in the Recreation Administration would need to be increased by \$23,000.

Councilmember Leta Mach wondered if city communications should also include notices in other languages. As has become the practice, that line item, with a possible increase of \$23,000, was put on a list for council deliberation and decision at its final May 18 Budget Review Worksession.

A perennial issue was raised during review of the Aquatic & Fitness Center budget – the high annual cost for indoor pool maintenance to control temperature and humidity. The annual cost runs to nearly \$100,000 and council wanted to know if there were ways to reduce that cost.

The staff had settled on the main piece of equipment, known as PoolPAK, based on their comparison shopping and discussions with other pools in the area. Because of its design features this is the only solution for the Greenbelt facility.

Summer Camps

In the Greenbelt Kids portion of the budget, staff noted that summer camp programs are doing very well except for some at the teen level. This summer a new program, Dance Camp, will be initiated.

In discussing the Arts program budget, councilmembers raised an issue as to the appropriateness of the city’s encouraging more art in public places. They requested staff to research whether laws on the books in Maryland or Prince George’s County encourage developers to plan for art in their projects or whether there were impediments to such activities in planning and zoning regulations.

Also discussed in review of the arts budget was activity underway by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts, with a supporting grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, to develop a community-wide arts and

cultural calendar.

The city’s arts supervisor noted the city was aware of the proposed project. Although the city would not be able to manage it, the city could certainly make sure that city-sponsored arts and cultural events are listed on the community calendar.

New Year’s Events

During review of the special events budget Irving expressed concern regarding increasing staff needs associated with the planning and conduct of the Greenbelt New Year celebration. Noting that this event was started at the time of the millennium by a dedicated group of Greenbelt volunteers, he said that the role of staff has increased to a point where very little volunteer energy is involved in the planning of what has become a large event.

He said the event will be scheduled for 2010 but staff will be evaluating staffing needs as part of the aforementioned strategic planning for the department looking toward 2011.

In certain respects this state of affairs appears to be self-inflicted. After a few years it became apparent that city staff were making the decisions on the plans for and the scope of the annual Greenbelt New Year celebration, including its broadening to other venues in the city center. Annual attendance for the event, based upon pass sales, has hovered around 700 to 800 participants, plus a host of on-site volunteers the night of the event. It was not clear whether the overall cost of the event was an issue or just the increasing level of staff work needed to put it on.

Two more budget worksessions remain, May 13 at Green Ridge House and the final budget review worksession on May 18. A second public hearing on the FY10 proposed budget is scheduled for May 26 and approval and adoption of the FY10 budget will probably occur on June 1.

Stimulus Funds Help Md. Energy Programs

The recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) includes more than \$113 million for Maryland through the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DoE) weatherization and energy assistance programs.

The funding will support Maryland’s Weatherization and Low-Income Energy Programs and Maryland’s State Energy Program. Maryland’s Weatherization and Low Income Energy Programs will receive \$61,441,745 of the funds to help reduce energy costs for low-income families and at the same time reduce the nation’s overall energy dependency, improve the environment and stimulate economic development in low-income communities. Weatherization involves a wide variety of energy efficiency measures for homes, including creating efficiencies in heating and cooling systems, electrical systems and electricity consuming appliances. The DoE estimates that weatherization saves \$1.83 in energy costs for every dollar of investment.

Maryland’s state energy program will receive \$51,772,000 of the funds to help low-income Maryland families pay their heating bills, minimize heating crises and make energy costs more affordable.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of May 10

	W-L		W-L
Indians	10-0	Yankees	3-4
Giants	5-2	Cardinals	3-5
Tigers	5-3	Athletics	2-7
		Orioles	0-7

Major League Schedule May 18 through 23

Date	Time	Games
Monday, May 18	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Orioles
Tuesday, May 19	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Indians
Wednesday, May 20	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Athletics
Thursday, May 21	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Yankees
Friday, May 22	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Indians

All games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

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perfect honor roll record, Gardner said, and is a representative to the Student Government Association. He also tutors an English-as-a-second-language student.

Gonzalez loves music and dancing, Gardner said. She is an honor roll student, is active in her church and is also a safety patrol at school. She “excels academically and is very well-liked by her fellow students and the school faculty,” Gardner said.

Oluwatope Littlejohn “John” Aderotoya and Kayla Brooks, both sixth graders, represented the award winners from Magnolia Elementary School.

“A day without John is a day without sunshine,” said Theresa Bugg, a member of ACE, who introduced the next winners. Aderotoya is also a safety patrol and participates in the Walking Club and the School Step Club. He has been on the honor roll all year, Bugg said.

Brooks was described as “extremely articulate” and as having a “voracious appetite for learning and reading.” She is a member of the WMES News Show for the third quarter and was said to have “the personality and drive to give a stellar performance before the camera.”

Eric Thornton, Jr. and Rhamira Corbett, both fifth graders, won the awards from Turning Point Academy. Thornton has a 4.0 GPA and has been on the honor roll all year, Bugg said. He created an ABC Book about the City of Greenbelt that included terms such as “A” for art deco and “S” for social experimentation.

Corbett got a straight A report card for the third quarter, Bugg said, and often writes short stories. She also has her own video talk show called “Rhamira and Friends.” “Watch out, Oprah,” Bugg said as she concluded her introduction of Corbett.

Eusebio Maningding and Florianen Beyegue, both eighth graders, were the recipients from St.

Hugh’s School. Maningding was described by Bugg as “a helpful young man, a friend to all.” He is president of the student government and an active member and altar server at St. Hugh’s Catholic Church, Bugg said.

Beyegue was described by Bugg as an “intelligent, focused young woman.” She shows active leadership skills in her relationship with teachers and students, Bugg said. She’s also an active member and altar server at St. Hugh’s Catholic Church.

Paak-Hei Ng and Cynthia Uchendu represented Greenbelt Middle School among the award winners. Ng has a cumulative GPA of 4.0, is in the National Junior Honor Society and participates in a science and technology program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Uchendu was not there that evening but Bugg said she “produces exemplary work in all her major subjects” and is “consistently on task.” Bugg said Uchendu enjoys singing and being part of the cheerleading squad.

Subodh Kumar Arora and Jenny Evelina Lindvall were the recipients of the ACE Awards from Eleanor Roosevelt High School; they also won \$1,000 toward their future college expenses.

Arora has a 4.16 overall GPA and is in the top one percent of students at his school, Gardner said. He’s an accomplished tennis player and the vice president of the Future Business Leaders of America. He plans to study computer engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Lindvall is in the top five percent of her class and has a 3.98 overall GPA. She “maintained honor roll all her life,” Gardner said. She is active in gymnastics and was Junior Miss Greenbelt in 2005. She interned at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and will also attend the University of Maryland, College Park.



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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Murder

May 6, 11:35 p.m., 9300 Edmonston Road, a man reported that he answered a knock at his door and a young man standing there asked if a particular person was home, then produced a shotgun. The man ran from the doorway into the apartment, at which time the suspect fired a shot at him, missing him. The young man fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 19 to 20 years of age, 5'11" to 6', 210 to 230 pounds, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black jeans and a ski-type mask.

Robberies

May 3, 9:45 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a person was approached by as many as six youths. The youths demanded money; several of them punched the victim. They went through the victim's pocket but found no money and then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as four black males, 15 to 20 years of age, wearing black hooded sweatshirts and blue jeans; a black female, 13 to 15 years of age with a light complexion, wearing a multicolored hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans; and a black female, 15 to 16 years of age, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. The victim transported himself to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

May 7, 9:07 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he was approached by three men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and when the man refused to comply, one of the suspects punched him in the face and then all three fled the area. The same men then allegedly vandalized a nearby vehicle and assaulted a second victim. The suspects are described as two black males, 20 to 21 years of age, wearing black shirts; and a black male, 20 to 21 years of age, short, wearing a blue shirt.

Assault

May 1, 2:44 p.m., Springhill Lake Elementary School, a resident youth was petitioned for two counts of assault stemming from an alleged assault on another student at the school. The youth was released to the school pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

May 4, 9:07 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a resident youth was arrested for second-degree assault, failure to obey a lawful order and resisting arrest. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Drug Arrest

May 5, 1:32 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of paraphernalia, driving while suspended and several other traffic offenses. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department.

Resisting Arrest

May 4, 12:28 a.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with failure to obey a lawful order, resisting arrest, driving under the influence of alcohol, eluding police, failure to stop at a red signal and other traffic offenses. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 5, 1:40 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with resisting arrest, hindering, driving while impaired, driving under the influence and several other traffic offenses. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

May 6, 1:22 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a nonresident was arrested for disorderly conduct and was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

May 1, 4:28 p.m., Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Terrace, a resident youth was arrested for trespass and released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Counterfeiting Arrest

May 1, 3:31 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with credit card counterfeiting, using a false credit card to charge goods over \$500, two counts of theft and second-degree assault. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

May 1, 5:14 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

May 2, 8:14 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) used spray paint to vandalize a laundry room.

May 4, 7:10 p.m., 9500 block Cherrywood Terrace, two young men vandalized a cement bench, breaking it and rendering it unusable. The suspects are described

as a black male, 15 to 18 years of age, 5'11" to 6'1", 130 to 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans; and a black male, 15 to 18 years of age, 5'11" to 6'1", 130 to 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

May 6, 5:29 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

Burglaries

May 1, 3:13 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a camcorder and a laptop computer were reported taken.

May 4, 12:22 p.m., 7700 block Greenbrook Drive, four video game players, a television and a laptop computer were among items reported taken.

May 6, 5:04 p.m., 7200 block Ora Court, it was reported that two mattresses and baby clothes were among items taken.

May 6, 6:47 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a purse and a cell phone were among items reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a black 2003 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, Maryland tags 4CNT14 from the 100 block Westway; and a black Ford F-150 pickup, Maryland tags 11T543 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

One vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made.

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents, rear tags); Beltway Plaza (three cell phones); 12 Court Ridge Road (front tag); 7800 block Mandan Road (radar detector); 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 7500 block Mandan Road, 7700 and 7800 blocks Hanover Parkway (four incidents, handicap placards); 9300 block Edmonston Road (rear tag); Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road (rear tag); and 9100 block Springhill Lane (rear tag). An attempted theft was reported at 6200 block Springhill Court.

Vandalism was reported at 6900 block Hanover Parkway (damaged marker light), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (broken windshield) and 9100 block Edmonston Road (broken side window).

Council Reviews Session, Approves Call Box Bill

by Karl B. Hille

The Greenbelt City Council grilled legislators on the 2009 session Monday, May 11 and approved a bill making it a misdemeanor crime to vandalize police call boxes, including those on the Spellman Overpass.

Zoning Authority

Del. Justin Ross (D-Dist. 22) told the council that he muddled through a John Kerry impression about voting for the bill before he voted against it – and before admitting he did not vote with the Greenbelt City Council on the city's request for planning and zoning authority.

"I will need you to explain that at some point because this is very important to the City of Greenbelt," said Mayor Judith Davis.

"If I and about four others had voted for this, it would have made a difference," Ross answered. "We'll work on this for next year."

An unfavorable vote in the Prince George's delegation killed the state bill that could have given Greenbelt planning and zoning authority within city limits. Ross cited County Council opposition as part of the reason the bill failed.

Greenbelt has had a planning and community development office for more than 20 years and has been seeking zoning authority within its borders for most of that time.

Gaines' Report

Del. Tawanna Gaines said Project Open Space funding should remain available but that highway user fees – locally available funds derived from a gas tax add-on – are declining as more people buy fuel-efficient vehicles. "You're using less gasoline," she said, "and we're not getting the money."

In response to a question by Councilmember Ed Putens about providing more help for people hit with rising utility bills, Gaines said, "You can't legislate for extraordinary circumstances."

However, she did say a measure was in the works to prevent electric providers from shutting off power in the hottest summer months, similar to a measure intended to keep the heat on in mid-winter.

Call Box Misuse

The council unanimously approved a new misdemeanor for misuse of public safety call boxes.

"We put these call boxes in . . . now we have the cameras pointing at the call boxes and the police can review those tapes and take action," Davis explained Monday after the council unanimously approved the public safety measure.

Police reported several instances of juveniles trying to damage the call boxes or cameras, including shooting them with b-b guns, said Putens.

Senior Resource of the Month

Property Tax Credit

Recognizing the increasing burden of property taxes on people of limited or fixed incomes, in December 2007 the Greenbelt City Council approved a property tax credit program. To make the program as simple as possible for people who might qualify, the city program "piggybacks" on the existing State of Maryland program. By filing for the state program, a property owner, once approved, automatically qualifies for the additional Greenbelt tax credit. The city's credit will be equal to 25 percent of the state credit.

Qualifications for the program are based on income, the value of one's property and net worth. Property owners with a gross household income of \$60,000 or less are encouraged to look into the program. The applicant's net worth excluding the property cannot be more than \$200,000.

Information about the state program, including the application, is available at the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation website at www.dat.state.md.us. Cooperative owners must write "cooperative application" at the top of the application. Only one person at the State Taxation and Assessment Office processes cooperative applications.

For more information or to request an application, those without Internet access can call 1-800-944-7403. The filing deadline is September 1, 2009.

– Christal Batey, Resource Advocate

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Greenbelt and Beyond Photo Show at Café

An exhibit of Ron Wilder photographs, “Greenbelt and Beyond,” is currently on view at the New Deal Café until June 29. The exhibit includes photographs of the sculptured frieze on the front of the Community Center and of other scenes in historic Greenbelt. It also includes examples of his work on other topics, especially nature. In the past year Wilder has focused on photographing landscapes, animals, flowers and sunsets. He now works totally in digital media and started dabbling in infrared photography recently.



His work was included in the travel exhibit at the Towson Arts Collective earlier this year and was part of the 40th Annual Laurel Art Guild Open Juried Exhibition at the Montpelier Arts Center in March. A photograph will be in an exhibit of “Top to Bottom: A Hudson River Arts Map Installation” (June 13 through August 9) at the Edward Hopper House Art Center in Nyack, N.Y. Wilder will also plan to participate in Artomatic 2009 this summer in Washington, D.C.

The reception for the exhibit will be held at the New Deal Café on Sunday, June 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Café’s art exhibits are sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), with funding support from Prince George’s County.

At left are two of the many photographs taken by Ron Wilder of local area landmarks. Do you recognize them?



PHOTO BY REBEKAH SUTIN

Past and present Golden Age Club presidents gather at the April 2009 Annual Anniversary Luncheon. From left to right are Mary Gardner, Ellie Rimar, Bill Souser, Irene Hensel and current President Cathy Brannan.

Md. Nursing Home Survey Updated

The Maryland Health Care Commission has released the 2008 Nursing Home Family Experience of Care Survey, which provides ratings for care provided by nursing homes based on observations by family members and other responsible parties.

Comparisons between previous scores showed increased satisfaction in some areas and little change in others. Nursing homes with 80 or fewer beds have the highest overall satisfaction scores, followed by nonprofit homes and homes in the western part of the state.

Maryland is one of only a few states that survey nursing homes and publish individual results. Since the addition of the survey results, the online version of the guide is now visited over 20,000 times each year. To view survey results and the other tools go to: www.mhcc.maryland.gov, click on “Consumers,” “Nursing Home Guide” and “2008 Family Survey.”

Recovery Act Funds Area Water Projects

Governor Martin O’Malley announced 12 proposed projects in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties to receive more than \$8 million in grants and \$2 million in low interest loans as part of the \$119.2 million for Maryland water quality and drinking water projects under President Barack Obama’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The funding includes a \$4 million grant for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Lower Anacostia Sewer Lining Project, located in one of the state’s designated “Environmental Benefits Districts.”

Congressman Steny Hoyer applauded the funding, saying, “These investments will have the dual impact of putting people to work in our state immediately on projects we very much need.”

The long list and a map of included ARRA-funded projects is at www.mde.state.md.us/.

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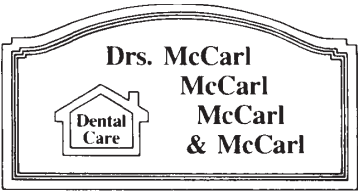


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we have mentioned in the past as well,” said Mayor Judith Davis.

President Barbara Simon said they were planning several youth music events in coordination with Eleanor Roosevelt High School in May and next fall. She added that reaching out to condominiums and secure apartment complexes has posed a problem in the past but they would look into ways of getting their message out to these communities.

Councilmember Ed Putens said neighborhoods like Hunting Ridge and others have events coordinators and other means of reaching their residents. “Everybody has some sort of coordinated effort” he said.

Go Arts Calendar

Such groups also promoted their GoArts calendar project, a single, unified community arts calendar to help patrons, businesses, arts groups and artists publicize their schedules as well as coordinate planning for upcoming events.

The Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters asked for \$900 more than previously, in part to compensate their coaches.

Labor Day Festival, a city “recognition group,” asked for no money but receives phone and Public Works support during the three-day festival. With a \$19,000 reserve, Festival President Linda Ivy addressed issues resulting from their re-writing of bylaws last summer. Changes in the bylaws took some participants by surprise.

Much of the disagreement resulted in misunderstandings of the new rules or simply not paying attention to the fine print, Ivy said. “Nobody read the paperwork, because nothing changes in Greenbelt. We had two people who didn’t realize it was new.”

Davis and other councilmembers had heard complaints from groups planning to pull out of future festivals due to increases in fees and other changes.

Ivy responded that they have resolved many of the differences with groups and worked with those who could not afford fee changes. She said increases should not be a burden if groups are splitting profits equitably with food vendors they contract to run their booths.

“The Astronomy Club was making a very little bit but their vendor is making a lot of money,” Ivy said. “Originally the booths were here to put out information about the groups and make some money but if you bring a vendor in who’s bringing in a large portion of your money, there’s nothing we can do about that.”

Teen Talent

The Festival Committee is planning changes including having teens and young adult musicians provide more of the entertainment Friday night – perhaps bringing out talent from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

They asked for help resolving telephone issues and perhaps getting another shuttle service to go to Emperian Village and the Metro.

The final budget worksession will be held May 18. Council is scheduled to vote on final adoption June 8.

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One resident said he was “disappointed” in council for “caving in to the threat of a lawsuit. Greenbelt is not racist.” He added, “As far as having more seats, this council is big enough!” He went on to suggest term limits for city council seats.

Bob Rand said “the key issue is more racial and ethnic diversity.” He suggested that the city investigate the situation as a moral, rather than a legal, position.

Greenbelt West

Ed Crump referred to the recent meeting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center at which only one citizen spoke. “Greenbelt West has been the problem. Council is large enough and [a larger council] will increase operating costs. It just won’t increase racial diversity unless you get people interested in voting.”

Andy Carruthers noted that several local municipalities were currently involved in elections. “Participation across the county is dreadful.”

The NAACP reported last year that Assistant Attorney General

Mel Franklin, president of the Greater Marlboro Democratic Club, brought the issue to them. When interviewed earlier Franklin confirmed that he had done so and that he had been contacted by the Department of Justice about the issue.

Franklin reported that a resident named Walter Hamlin brought the issue to him. Neither the NAACP nor the ACLU attended this final round of hearings, nor did Franklin and Hamlin attend any of the public meetings to address the issue.

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– Sierra Club

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Past winners are also eligible to compete.


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New MVA ID Rules Begin on June 1

On June 1 the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will implement new requirements for proof of legal presence in the U.S. before one can be granted a Maryland driver's license, ID card or learner's permit. Starting January 1, 2010, under the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, licenses and ID cards from states not in compliance will not be acceptable for official purposes such as boarding airplanes or entering federal buildings.

To issue a driver's license, learner's permit or ID card MVA will require proof of ID be brought in the form of the applicant's actual Social Security card, a current W-2 form, SSA-1099 form, non-SSA 1099 form or current pay stub with the applicant's name and Social Security number on it. Those not eligible for SSN must provide satisfactory evidence they have lawful status in the United States which may include birth certificate, current passport or other substitutes. People who cannot provide proof they are in the U.S. legally will be allowed to renew licenses until July 1, 2015, but will not be able to use the resulting license for identification purposes.

For more information call the MVA Customer Service Center at 1-800-950-1MVA (1682) or check the MVA website at <http://www.marylandmva.com/DriverServ/Apply/lawfulfaq.htm>.

Task Force to Reduce Suspensions Meets

Because every absence from school is a missed opportunity to learn, the Prince George's County Board of Education announced its creation of a task force to identify ways to reduce student suspensions and expulsions in Prince George's County Public Schools.

The task force will begin meeting this month in the Board Executive Conference Room at the Sasscer Administration Building, at 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro, between 6 and 7 p.m. on the following days: Tuesday, May 26; Monday, May 11; and Monday, June 8. The meetings are open to the public but there will be no public participation.



PHOTO BY SANDRA LANGE

In conjunction with National Preservation Month, production of the Greenbelt Museum's new video project is underway. The museum hired Marty Huberman of Video Art Productions to produce the video. Huberman is shown filming Mary Corbin Seis, associate professor and director of graduate studies in the American Studies Dept., University of Maryland. Sies is also a Greenbelt resident. The video project is funded by grants from the Maryland Historic Trust, Maryland Humanities Council, Greenbelt Community Foundation and the City of Greenbelt.

Bowie Heritage Day

Bowie's 41st Annual Heritage Day will be held at Belair Stable on Sunday, May 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Heritage Day, the day after Maryland's Preakness Race, celebrates the city's long association with thoroughbred horseracing and offers a glimpse of over 250 years of local history.

The stable will feature bluegrass music, free pony rides and hands-on activities for youngsters.

Both Belair Mansion and the Belair Bath and Tennis Club grounds behind the mansion will be open so visitors can explore Belair's 19th-century ice house, colonial revival boxwood garden and the structural remains of the mansion's greenhouse/bowling alley.

All programs are free and no reservations are required. Belair Stable is at 2835 Belair Drive in Bowie. The mansion is one block away at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive.

For additional information call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Navy Band Performs At Harmony Hall

The National Park Service, in conjunction with the Silesia Citizens Association Inc., announces a free performance by the National Concert Band of America on the grounds of historic Harmony Hall Manor, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 16.

Visitors are invited to have a picnic on a blanket or bring lawn chairs to enjoy an afternoon of music. Visitors may walk through the first floor of the historic home and view exhibits prior to and during the concert. Glass containers, alcoholic beverages and barbecue grills are not permitted. Harmony Hall Manor is adjacent to the Harmony Hall Regional Center at 10511 Livingston Road in Fort Washington. Gates open at 1 p.m. The rain date is Saturday, May 23.

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See Butter Making at Riversdale

The Seasonal Selections program begun last fall will continue offering special monthly cooking events focusing on a different topic each month. The topic for May's Seasonal Selection is "Rosalie's Dairy: Butter Making." It is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Rosalie Calvert ran a successful butter making business at Riversdale. The home of the Calverts, Riversdale is now a National Historic Landmark. The program will feature volunteers churning cream into butter. They will also wash it and prepare it for long-term storage without refrigeration the way it was done early in the 19th century.

Visit Riversdale on Fridays and Sundays from noon to 3:30 p.m. There is a nominal fee; those under five are free with the Seasonal Selections program included in the Sunday admission price. Tickets can be purchased at the visitor center.

Riversdale is at 4811 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park. For more information call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544, email Riversdale@pgparks.com or visit the website at www.pgparks.com.

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Hands-on Computer Resume Workshops

Hands-on computer resume workshops targeted at teens will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Bowie Library, 15210 Annapolis Road and on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road.

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Greenbelt Rotary Extends Food Donation Campaign

by Marjorie Perdue

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt has decided to extend its Rotary District 7620 “March Against Hunger” project for an indefinite period. The recession has substantially reduced contributions to food pantries just as the need for help has dramatically increased. Rotary has a long tradition of helping people in need. The majority of neediest are usually women and children.

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt will have a staffed table at the weekly Farmers Market at Roosevelt Center where it will collect donations or food goods for the Capital Area Food Bank. Although food goods are welcome, the club points out that a donation of \$25 can feed a family of four for two weeks, an elderly couple for a month or a child for nearly two months. Each \$1 contributed can be used to purchase three meals. In addition to the Farmers Market, the following businesses owned by Rotary members will also collect food and donations for the next few months: S.K. Motors, 10805 Lanham Severn Road in Lanham (301-464-0400); Century 21 Trademark Realty, Inc., 6401 Golden Triangle Drive (301-441-1100) and Greenbelt Travel Services, 5510 Cherrywood Lane (301-474-1300) in Greenbelt.

Call for additional information about times for dropoffs.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt is an organization of professional men and women most of whom either live or work in the Greenbelt area. It was founded in 1988; members come from many professions. Weekly meetings are held on Tuesday morning at the Greenbelt Marriott at 7:45a.m. Each week there is a guest speaker who addresses one of a variety of topics. The club is currently accepting new members. Those interested are invited to join members for breakfast, enjoy the fellowship, hear great speakers and meet interesting people.

Greenbelt’s Rotary Club is one of 32,000 Rotary Clubs with over 1.2 million members in 200 nations worldwide that provide scholarships and support local and international causes to help with a variety of projects to improve their community and the world. For further information call Rotary President Helen Svensen at 301-474-1300, President Elect Charles (Wick) Caldwell at 391-390-9129 or Membership Chair Joel Lang at 301-386-5459.

Marjorie Perdue is the Rotary Club's publicity chair.



Tortoise and Hare runners begin to spread out at the beginning of their March 28 race.

Tortoise & Hare Race Results Announced

by Ron E. Wilder

The Greenbelt Nursery School Tortoise and Hare 5K Race was run in the rain on Saturday, March 28 with many of the 57 participating runners from Greenbelt. Placements and times follow:

Lloyd Rawley, 8th, at 21:23;

Wes Drew, 9th, at 21:40; Ken Jarva, 16th, at 25:45; Devin Fendlay, 17th, at 26:02; Matt Berres, 19th, at 26:48; Elaine Bond, 21st, at 27:38; Natalie Bailey, 26th, at 28:52; Cory Coppock, 28th, at 29:01; Eric Boyd, 29th, at 29:17; Genia Kenschaft, 30th, at 29:42; Miriam Goldfarb, 34th, at 30:13; Jessica Oroark, 37th, at 30:38; Ellen Bastio, 38th, at 30:39; Greg

Meyer, 39th, at 30:42; William Drew, 40th, at 30:43; Clay Nadasen-Reynolds, 43rd, at 34:19; Raylene Grant, 45th, at 35:37; Denise Nadasen, 47th, at 36:38; Jeremy Nadasen-Reynolds, 50th, at 39:18; Emma Dabelko, 51st, at 40:44; Kirsten Dabelko, 52nd, at 40:46; and Tom Reynolds, 54th, at 41:42.

New Online Game about Telescopes Released by NASA

NASA has developed a flash online game about telescopes, featuring NASA’s next-generation spacecraft, the James Webb Space Telescope. The game, called “Scope it Out!” includes an introduction to telescopes and four matching games where players can compare simple telescopes to both Webb and the Hubble Space Telescope.

“This is a great way to teach children and adults how simple and complex space telescopes work,” said Dr. Anita Krishnamurthi, education and public outreach leader for Webb at NASA in Greenbelt. The game level is intended for middle school students and above. It was created at NASA Goddard by Maggie Masetti with Krishnamurthi providing oversight on the project. Programmer Kent deVillafranca and artist Susan Lin, both of Science Systems and Applications in Greenbelt, did the programming and graphics.

The James Webb Space Telescope is a large, infrared space telescope, scheduled for launch in 2013 that will find the first galaxies formed in the early universe, connecting the Big Bang to the Milky Way Galaxy. It will peer through dusty clouds to see stars forming planetary systems, connecting the Milky Way to the solar system.

There are five levels of gaming in “Scope it Out!” from Level Zero to Level Four. Most levels present an image of a young woman looking through a telescope, side-by-side with a space telescope. Level Zero gives a basic lesson in telescope optics through animated graphics. Level One is where the matching game starts by asking the player to find the seven components in the simple telescope that match

with those in the Webb telescope. The game culminates in Level Four where players have to find the components of the Hubble Telescope that match up with the James Webb Space Telescope.

The game requires Flash 8 or higher and there are two versions, one for larger monitors, the other for smaller ones. Once a monitor size is chosen, the game will pop up in a separate window. For convenience, there is also a small toggle button in the lower left corner of the game to allow a player to change the quality of the graphics. The web page also provides a downloadable wallpaper of an image of the Webb Space Telescope in space.

To access the Webb Telescope online game go to <http://www.jwst.nasa.gov/scope.html>.

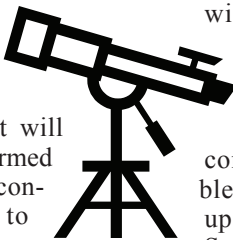


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The 3rd Annual Greenbelt Dance Recital, “Safari Suites” will be given on May 16, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center gym. Leopards, shown left to right are (standing) Katherine Turnbull and Taylor Koebler; (center) Rafael Martins, Evan Wasniewski, Jane Mezo and Jamie Rogers-Sites; (lying down) Elizabeth Gardner and Ella Wasniewski.

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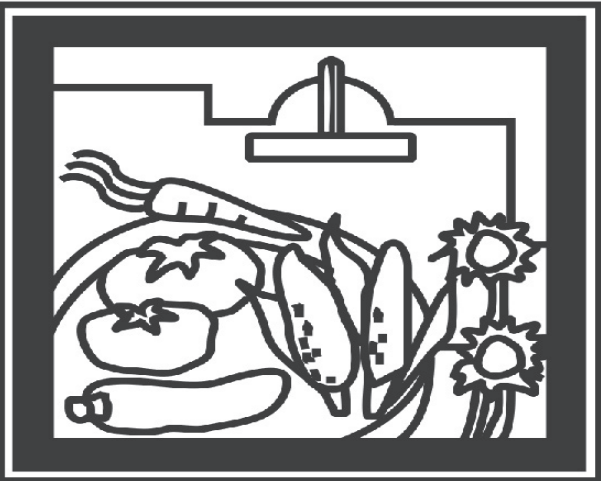
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